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Reference: FCC Docket Nos 96-45, 98-171, 90-571, 92-237, 99-200, 95-116, 98-170  
and NSD File No. L-00-72.

Dear FCC:

I am writing to complain about the proposed changes to the Universal Service Fund and requesting that the FCC investigate this matter further before changing the current policy. Your proposed \$1.00 per month charge for all wireless phones will directly impact my ability to retain my wireless service.

I do not think it is fair to charge EVERYBODY \$1.00 dollar regardless of how they use their wireless phone, especially for a low-volume user that relies on wireless service for safety and security, not interstate calls. The current policy is fair, based on interstate usage, and should be left alone. Please do not penalize us. Keep this fair.

This puts many senior citizens on fixed incomes at a disadvantage especially those who use their wireless phones strictly for safety reasons and do not utilize the services for routine phone calling. A wireless phone in anyone's car is a necessity these days, if solely for the purpose of security issues or mechanical breakdowns. Please don't penalize us with raising rates!

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter. Please provide a written response indicating the status/resolution of this matter.

Very truly yours,

Gretchen Fitzpatrick  
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CC: FCC Subcommittee Members